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## Free Community Dinner to be Held on Thanksgiving Day

MORGANTOWN – Wesley United Methodist Church, Salvation Army, and Chili's Restaurant are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner that is free for anyone in the community to enjoy for the eighth consecutive year.

The dinner will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Take-out and delivery will also be available for the dinner on Thursday, November 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, assorted pies, and more Thanksgiving Dinner staples will be on the menu.

"Thanksgiving is the one holiday that is associated with certain foods and smells," said Karen King, the organizer of the event. "We continue doing it because it's an amazing ministry and because it's the right thing to do. Personally, it breaks my heart that some people feel unwanted and unloved on Thanksgiving, so we create family."

Three years ago the volunteers starting delivering meals to senior citizens and residents in the community who are homebound. This year, they will extend their outreach to the first responders working on Thanksgiving Day in the city.

"We know that most of our protectors will have a meal with their families sometime during the day, but we want them to know how much we appreciate who they are and what they do," said King.

This event is a large undertaking and the sponsors are asking for community members to also volunteer. Those that are interested in helping can call 304-292-9485 or email <a href="mailto:wesleychurch@wesleymorgantown.org">wesleychurch@wesleymorgantown.org</a>.